

## Fiscal Year 2017 HCP Implementation Documentation

Implementation of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)'s [\*State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan \(HCP\)\*](#) often requires interpretation of its conservation strategies and how they apply to HCP-covered management activities. There are times when strict compliance would result in the wrong outcomes, endanger human lives, or conflict with other HCP objectives. There are also times when an activity unintentionally or inadvertently deviates from an HCP conservation strategy. Under these circumstances, DNR staff may seek guidance to devise appropriate plans of action for complying with HCP objectives and conservation strategies, develop alternative plans of action to avoid conflict with HCP objectives, or rectify the unintended consequences of an activity.

HCP implementation documentation represents the continual reporting and cooperative problem solving that is necessary in the course of HCP implementation. It includes the following:

- **Implementation consultations:** Agreements between DNR's HCP and Scientific Consultation Section and regions or programs related to operational challenges where assistance with and approval for a mitigation plan has been requested.
- **Joint concurrences:** Agreements between DNR and the Federal Services related to strategy modifications and updates.
- **Non-compliances:** Unapproved deviations from HCP conservation strategies and/or objectives.
- **Other:** Informational documentation of issues and activities associated with HCP strategies, objectives, or implementation.

Table 1 describes activities that have been approved but may not yet have taken place. This information is linked directly to the [FY 2017 State Trust Lands HCP Annual Report](#) and is best understood in the context of that document.

**Table 1: Summary of DNR's FY 2017 HCP Implementation Documentation.**

Region/ Division	Approval Date	Type	Associated Project	HCP Strategy	Activity Summary
Northwest	7/21/2016	HCP Consultation	Pathfinder timber sale	Northern spotted owl (NSO)	Harvest 0.4-acres of next best. Thinning or leaving it would introduce a single-tree-width blowdown hazard along a mainline road.
Northwest	7/27/2016	HCP Consultation	Bolero timber sale	Multi-species	Apply a 30-foot buffer around the openings of a low-value cave feature discovered when setting up the Bolero timber sale.

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Olympic	8/16/2016	HCP Consultation	Maxfield Creek bridge removal	NSO, marbled murrelet	Remove 14 red alders and one hemlock, all of which are between 8" and 24" diameter at breast height, to provide safe access to the heavy equipment needed to remove a failing bridge. None of the trees tagged for removal contain platform structures.
Pacific Cascade	9/8/2016	HCP Consultation	Stebbins timber sale	Multi-species	Establish appropriate buffers for two medium-value caves and one low-value cave within and near two units of the Stebbins timber sale.
Olympic, Forest Resources	10/5/2016	Other	Adoption of OESF Forest Land Plan	Riparian, NSO, multi- species	The Services determine that the <a href="#">OESF Forest Land Plan</a> is consistent with the State Trust Lands HCP.
South Puget Sound	11/14/2016	HCP Consultation	Exploration timber sale	Marbled murrelet	Harvest approximately 43.5 acres of surveyed, unoccupied, reclassified marbled murrelet habitat.
Pacific Cascade	1/6/2017	HCP Consultation	Swift Mitchell timber sale	NSO	Construct 900' of new road through sub-mature NSO habitat, construct 300' of road and one landing in NSO nesting core requiring removal of 31 conifers and 12 snags, and reconstruct 80' of abandoned road within an NSO nest patch core.
Northwest	4/27/2017	Other	Singletary timber sale	Multi-species	Reconvey to Snohomish County 25 acres of the proposed sale area where 170 leave trees are located. The DNR will consider the 170 leave trees to count toward the leave-tree requirement for the remaining sale area.
South Puget Sound	5/11/2017	HCP Consultation	Kombucha timber sale	Marbled murrelet	Harvest of 1.7 acres of surveyed, unoccupied, reclassified marbled murrelet habitat.
South Puget Sound	5/11/2017	HCP Consultation	Heckenpeck timber sale	NSO	Build 270' of road to access Unit 3 and perform maintenance on approximately 3,000' of orphaned road to access Unit 1. Both roads are located in Movement Plus habitat.
Pacific Cascade	5/16/2017	HCP Consultation	Derby timber sale	Marbled murrelet	Harvest 35 acres of surveyed, unoccupied, reclassified marbled murrelet habitat.

Region/ Division	Approval Date	Type	Associated Project	HCP Strategy	Activity Summary
South Puget Sound	5/17/2017	HCP Consultation	Shasta timber sale	Marbled murrelet	Harvest 141 acres of surveyed, unoccupied, reclassified habitat.
Northwest, Olympic, Pacific Cascade, South Puget Sound	6/1/2017	Other	N/A	Multi-species	Apply a revised procedure assessing hydrologic maturity in all west-side forested ecosystems covered by the HCP, excluding the OESF HCP Planning Unit.
Pacific Cascade	6/20/2017	HCP Consultation	Sunset timber sale	Marbled murrelet	Harvest approximately 71 acres of surveyed, unoccupied, reclassified marbled murrelet habitat.